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17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the processing performance level of the at least one processor is increased under software control.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, wherein the processing performance level of the at least one processor is increased under the control of the operating system of the data processing system.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 18, wherein the operating system maintains a table that includes entries that identify the processors in the data processing system, and further identify the allowed processing performance level of each processor.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 19, wherein the processing performance level of selected processors is increased by changing the corresponding entries in the table to a new processing performance level.

21. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20, wherein the operating system detects the changes in the table, and changes the processing performance level of the corresponding processors to the new processing performance level.

number, the verifying step includes comparing the serial number of the data processing system to the serial number of the authorization key.

27. (Original) A method according to claim 25, wherein the data processing system maintains a current date and the authorization key specifies an expiration date, the verifying step comparing the expiration date of the authorization key to the current date maintained by the data processing system to determine if the authorization key has expired.

28. (Original) A method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of preventing the increasing step if the authorization key has expired.

29. (Original) A method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of de-activating selected processors so that the number of active processors is less than or equal to the original limit of processors when the authorization key expires.

30. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 25, wherein the authorization key specifies a maximum time of use, the verifying step determining if the time of the increased processing performance level of the data processing system exceeds the maximum time of use.

31. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of preventing the increasing step if the time of the increased processing performance level of the data processing system exceeds the maximum time of use.